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For: POOLING DATA IN A SHARED DATA WAREHOUSE

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REPLY TO ACTION OF OCTOBER 4, 2002

This is a reply to the office action dated October 4, 2002, in this application. The office has rejected all of the claims (1-26) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Wong and Choy.

The Wong patent does not show or even suggest a technique with which "at least two business entities" store business-related data "in a common database" and then, in accordance with the terms of an agreement between the entities, allow at least one of the entities "to receive information gathered from the common database" (Applicant's claim 1). Wong provides a system that allows a single business entity to maintain a "window into a 'seamless' end-to-end *internal* business process." (Col. 4, lines 18-19, emphasis added.) This system is meant for use within a single business entity in managing that entity's internal business operations, in particular, in integrating business functions such as engineering, manufacturing, shipping, receiving, accounts receivable, finance, and personnel. (See col. 5, lines 57-64.) Wong's system does accommodate third-party involvement in some of these functions, such as using the World Wide Web "to order products, track orders, track payments, etc." from the entity (col. 6, lines 35-36), but the system does not require, nor even allow, the third-party to store its own business-related data along with that of the other business entity in a common database.

Choy also fails to show or suggest storing business-related data from multiple business entities in a common database. The system described by Choy is not a database system at all, but rather is a file-management system, of a type typically found on the

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